

UNDERCURRENT

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Student Government Executive meeting Committee met with President Turner and Mr. Kier October 11th.

The purpose of the meeting was to smooth the wrinkles which had occurred in the first month of classes.

Topics discussed included the mechanics of the various clubs in organization and fund requests.

Questions which arose out of the discussion were:

What procedure will the club use in drawing the allotted money? Should the clubs allow the Executive Committee the opportunity to make the necessary judgements regarding the clubs position in student government? What should be considered in recognizing a new co-curricular activity?

Also discussed at the meeting was the club representation in government and its effectiveness.

A revision of the student government constitution and bylaws was also proposed.

Dean Kier devised a system of billing student government expenditure. Sylvia Culver will sign and authorize all bills and they must be approved by her prior to payment.

THANKYOU

I would like to thank all the Freshmen who voted for me in the recent class elections. I give a special thanks to those people who spent valuable time assisting me with my campaign.

It's now the duty of every Freshman student to come to me with any gripes",

I will do my best to see that our class is well represented in student government.

Charlie Kulch
President
Class of '70

PROTEUS

The Proteus staff would like to inform the Student body as to the publication of the 1968-1969 yearbook.

Published by T.O. Tool and Sons, the Proteus will consist of 136 pages, at five dollars per copy and will include all events through graduation.

Forms for Sophomore class pictures can be obtained from Proteus staff members and will give the student two choices of when, where and what time they would like their pictures taken.

Each student will then receive 5-6 pictures one of which must be put in the Proteus mailbox no later than Nov. 1.

The Proteus is also open to any suggestions concerning this years publication.

Sylvia Culver
Treasurer

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The 1968-1969 Student Government Budget has been approved by President Turner.

A possible suggestion to clubs who have been cut is that they try to sponsor projects to earn money.

Sylvia Culver

Once upon a time, in a neat Hollow Log, there lived a group of little people. As time wore on, the little community began to change, and havoc reigned. Everyday, discontent spread further until everyone had become cynical and suspicious. Alas, one of the little people, born a vice-prince of the G.C.C. Student Government (the neat Hollow Log) decided that something had to be done, lest the people would destroy themselves. He worked day and night and devised such a plan that everyone would fall under his spell and follow him with love in their hearts and happiness in their eyes. His plan was successfully carried out with the help of a sweet, simple peasant girl who followed him adoringly and did everything he asked of her. But alas, the little vice-prince became drunk with power and condemned any deviant person to G.C.C. Hell. The more intelligent little people once again became disenchanted---but this time there was fear in their hearts for they could see the little vice-prince and his lovely peasant maiden were becoming tyrants and not allowing anyone to think for themselves. They began to wonder if the others would see through his charming disguise. But as time wore on, the people were caught up in his glorious crusade for power. They became more and more obsessed and fanatical until finally the Gods, with great disfavor, destroyed the little people of the Log . . . and along with them perished the thoughtful, knowing ones---the innocent ones. And the Gods struck a stone with lightning and chiselled the words; "Here lies the remains of a something turned into a nothing."

by Tanya Marlowe

Just out of curiosity I wonder what has been happening to all the furniture that has been disappearing from Mr. Levy's cubical. It is reported that all he has left is a waste paper basket and a desk.

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I have heard that some students at the college are thinking of starting some form of radical movement such as S.D.S.

I feel that after all the trouble these hippies have caused at such upstanding institutions like Columbia and other universities around the country that they would understand that the objectives of such groups are purely Communistic.

College is a place that should project an environment of learning, good music and upstanding citizens. It is time to meet friends and socialize at dances and all the groovy things that the college sponsors for the welfare of the students.

But even though these things have been the heart of college life for decades there are always the troublemakers who want to ruin our free way of life. Such are the S.D.S.

S.D.S. stands for Students for a Democratic Society. However it is very obvious that the name in itself is hypercritical. How can people with dirty clothes, long hair, who are probably on every form of drug that there is and who protest against things be democratic.

I personally find all hippies revolting but particularly those who advocate protest such as the S.E.S.

dolores griel

NO TITLE

The beauty of being a student, in part is realizing that we are learning. The horror is that our teachers here at G.C.C. think we are not.

Must we weld ourselves to a classroom for a prescribed time to accumulate a certain once of solder?

Should we applaud the tape recorder for using the text for reference?

If we smile are you pleased?

Are we playing the same educational game you used to play? What game? Education is not a game, yet you're wearing your stripes clean for refereeing.

Abolish the cut system, teach me to be conscientiously responsible, I wonder if I could learn. ***** Easter Pig ***

EDITORIALS

CONCERNING THE PROMETHEUS

by

Linda Hebert

Recently, we, the members of the Undercurrent staff, were approached by a "representative party" of the student body concerned with our lack of stimulation of school spirit. We were asked to rectify our present "not worth free" publication and do more with what is happening within the student body itself.

Evidently, Miss Flynn's article of our past edition did not make much contact with you people. Obviously, we cannot be expected to cover everything that happens in this place. We asked in our (the new staff's) first edition that each club appoint a member to report to us what was going on. A club has done so... One...once. You are expecting us to publish articles that are going to rub everyone the right way. And then you scream that we are putting words in your mouths.

People, we are a representative organization whose main job it is to act as a media for your communication with the student body. Our job is not to stimulate school spirit, but to convey your spirit to the school. Don't go barging around telling us that we are not doing your thing for you. Do it for yourself. Give us your opinions, analysis, reports, or whatever you have to tell the students here. You tell everyone that you want school spirit but man, that's as far as it goes. We even have a five and a quarter by six and three-eighths hole in the wall next to the cafeteria so you may give us what you want in this paper.

If you resent being told that you have peanut-butter minds, for God's sake act on your own a little bit and show someone something. Isn't that where school spirit is at?

Washburne
(Lee Nelson)

Recently I have addressed correspondence to the guidance counsellor at Frontier Regional, my old alma mater, in hopes of discovering a more economical way of publishing the Prometheus.

The Penpoint, though short-lived was interestingly done, even if it was not elaborate; illustrations were similar to those of the spring issue of last year's Prometheus. If even one more issue of our magazine can be eked out, even with the budget's being cut to half of last year's funds, then something will have been accomplished!

A few days ago I was fortunate to have been given a copy of the spring issue above mentioned, and I was delighted with it; to me, a literary magazine (along with a college newspaper) is a most necessary vessel of expression for students to have. Perhaps if the news I receive is in our favor, and we besides employ suggestions made to facilitate the operation of the Prometheus for the coming year- of selling our product... and of using more advertising to support it, we may be able to publish three or four issues instead of the presently prescribed two. I will let you know as soon as I do, the response to my inquiry. Maybe it's a "long shot", but I think it's worth the "ol' college try", don't you?

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SOCER

The G.C.C Soccer Team(hey everybody, did you know one exists), has had a very rough season. They've fought the good fight, played in a true sportman like manner, never the less, they have lost all five of their previous games.

Lack of experience could be the scapegoat reasoning but this excuse just doesn't cut mustard. The team plays all out during a game yet they have difficulty in scoring goals. (Continued on page)

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND...

by Peter Haughton

"Nixon's the one!" cried the pregnant wench, clutching her huge belly. Her mother lifted a heavy salad spoon and started towards her threateningly.

"Who is this Nixon you speak of?"

Cowering back into a tiny corner in the kitchen, the young girl replied, "Spiro's friend the greasy looking guy with the five o'clock shadow."

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Of course the preceding in conjecture; but afterall, what is one to think? Constantly they scream, "Nixon's the one" and no one tells what he did.

Is it that he's discovered persona? Or perhaps he has master-minded the Brinks robbery (that's going a bit out of his reach). Many feel that the answer is that he is the proverbial missing link, who others claim that he has lived through the first brain transplant. Personally the only thing I think he has done is to lie, but of course I can't criticize him for something he can't help.

On television I saw a steamy ghetto, and out of the background came those words again—"Nixon's the one!". Perhaps he's a social disease.

At any rate he has abviously done something, that he doesn't want anyone to know about; and will probably never know what he has done or can do—whether he gets into office or not.

What I'm curious about now is—What is a Spiro Agnew?

Soccer (Cont.)

The main reason being that the team has few or no replacements on the sidelines and are forced to play the whole game while their opponents have an abundance of fresh material waiting on the sidelines.

Speaking of "lack of" out of approximately 770 students, a mere 15 have been on hand to cheer our men on! Shape up and support your team!.

There are still 3 games left-Springfield Tech., Berkshire C.C. and Mt. Wachusett(at home).

In previous games Rick Knox leads with 3 goals followed by Todd Currie and Greg Metzler each of whom have one goal.

Phys. Ed.

ESSAY ON LONLINESS

by (?)

"Won't you come and see lonliness? Just one leaf from the Kiri tree..." All in the Orient know the Kiri tree. It's leaves fall in abundance--with the slightest wind--with no wind at all. What can be lonlier than a man living and dying alone. Yet all of us, no matter how occupied, how befriended, stumble toward oblivion.. in our solitary skins on the teeth of a scream. We are, all of us, leaves on the Kiri tree...Why then in our quiet desperation do we spend our flickering moment strutting about, mocking eternity in labels of bloating self importance, taking this pose and that stance, playing desperate games for a crawling inch of prestige. Why do we pretend we want to help, and claw each others eyes out? Why do we say we love, when we half love, and even hate. And with each passing generation, why do we compound fraud upon fraud? Man used to talk of his friends, now he counts his connections. He once had influence, now its pull...and in place of a mans honor, we ask to check his credit rating. Our convictions are boxed in sales slogans. We believe nothing until we run it up a flag pole, and see if it waves, plant it in the ground, and see if it sprouts---or put it on a train and see if gets off at Westpoint. In other words, it has no meaning until the crowd chants it out in unison.

But despite all the noise, there is no stifling the half cry in the dark. We came naked into the world. Why can't we come naked to each other and say, this is who I am, this is what I feel, this is what I need.

"Won't you come and see lonliness, just one leaf from the Kiri tree."

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PROMETHEUS

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now

accepting

copy poetry, short stories, essays, sketches and articles. Submit them to Peter Haughton, Betty Payne, or Paul Allen; or to the Prometheus mailbox.

BILL PARAPHRASES
By Bill Adario

This could be the start of something big!

An upcoming movie with one of the longest titles in screen history, "Darling Lill, or Where Were You the Night You Said You Shot Down Baron Von Richtofen," stars Julie Andrews and Rock Hudson.

Talk about brotherly love...

What may be the first successful tooth transplant involving two persons apparently has been achieved by University of Michigan oral surgeons. Bill Batten of Elkart, Ind., received two of sister Margy's bicuspids in an operation last February. Now rays show that the teeth have taken hold.

No comment is comment enough...

Opera soprano Maria Callas, whose name had been linked romantically with that of Aristotle Onassis, refused to make any comment last night on his marriage to Jacqueline Kennedy.

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Demagogue's Dilemma

George Wallace, addressing workers at a California aerospace plant the other day, became more and more uneasy when his audience continued to listen to him quietly. The former Alabama Governor finally admitted his discomfort "You know", he said, "it's really difficult for me to speak to an orderly crowd." No demagogue in history would ever have gotten off the ground if people had had the good sense to keep still and really understand what he was saying.

Stay married live longer...

The UN Statistical Office states; Married men and women have lower death rates than the single, widowed or divorced....

Something to Think About.....

The National Cancer Center reported Sunday that its two-year survey of 265,118 adults picked at random showed those who smoke more than 50 cigarettes a day are 28 times more likely to die of lung cancer than non-smokers. The center said its findings also showed that those who smoke between 25 to 50 cigarettes a day are 7.5 times more liable to die of lung cancer.

NOTICE TO HEADS' ONLY

Bruce Robert McGregor, 23, of Wallingford, Ct. and Christine Chatellier, 20, of Nancy, France, were arrested in a raid on the Gulhane Hotel in Istanbul in June. On Wednesday McGregor and Miss Chatellier were sentenced to two and a half years in prison...there crime...smoking mariguana! Quite a rap to take, for lighting up a joint...too bad they weren't under the influence of liquor or some other socially excepted evil. A drunk and disorderly charge would have been socially accepted but since Bob and Christine decided to smoke in private instead of drink in public they'll have to wait two and a half years before they can share a drink over their mistake. ...I guess I'll drink to that!!

Moral: Better read than said...

Sign on a car at a midwestern university: "For all those in need of a good mind-expanding trip, the library opens at nine in the morning and doesn't close until ten at night."

We need a world in which it is safe to be human.

Never return Kindness. Pass it on.

POLITICIANS TELL WHY

A cultural program was presented to the student body on October 16, in the college auditorium. The presentation consisted of a debate between the nominee for state senator Dwight M. Scandrett, and the incumbent senator, John Barrus.

Senator Barrus, has been the Senator serving the Franklin-Hampshire District in Congress for two years, has been an active member of the Legislature for a total of six years. His opponent, Dwight M. Scandrett, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and has been a coach and teacher at Deerfield Academy, Amherst College, University of Mass, and West Point.

Senator Barrus spoke first and started by saying, "In a few years, one half of the nation's population will be under twenty-five years of age. Youth must become involved because they are needed. Youth must bring in new ideas to decisions of the government which will overcome the more hypocritical ideas." Senator Barrus went on to say how surprised he was at "the lack of participation of citizens, by individuals in election". Then he used a quotation to illustrate what he said would happen with this passive attitude. "Those who do not govern themselves will be governed by tyrants". In his conclusion he stated, "the frustrations of the young people can be overcome by being given a chance to participate and be heard. Government discussion and participation are a part of growing up."

Mr. Scandrett stated his presentation by saying "The only difference that I can see between age 35 and age 18 is that at 35 a person is impatient!" Later, in the more serious part of his discussion he said "Right now the youth of America is involved. Right now you are and major factor and force in our society. For the first time in history, the youth was a primary force in getting a president not to seek re-election in 1968". Later he said, "to represent the youth, you must go out and work along with the system

government and not against it. What all students are doing now is letting a small minority make decisions for them. Keep up the participation as was seen in New Hampshire!"

A question and answer period followed the discussion. The first question was addressed to Mr. Scandrett. Do you think protest is wrong? "More would be accomplished", he said, "by actively participating in government affairs opposed to protesting it. This is apparently due to irresponsible leadership who become spokesmen of youth protesters."

The second question was asked of both men. Don't you feel that youth is ready now? Senator Barrus remarked, "Technically youths are not going to be asked because I do not think the young are prepared to make decisions concerning our society and government." A cross-section of 18 and 19 year olds are more enlightened and aware of what's going on in the world today than most adults."

The next question was also addressed of both Senator Barrus and Mr. Scandrett. How do you **feel** about lowering the voting age? Senator Barrus again spoke first "I am not in support of it. Eighteen year olds do not have the background necessary for making decisions about candidates. The majority do not have enough experience in business-just education.

Mr. Scandrett is in favor of lowering the voting age because "youths today are much more aware."

Following the formal interrogation, another question was asked of Mr. Scandrett. "I have just turned 21 and went down to register for the vote. When I was asked the question, which party am I going to support, I was completely taken aback. Who do you support when you don't like any of the candidates?" Mr. Scandrett replied, "Thank your lucky stars you didn't have to vote four years ago. That was something! At least now you have a bit more. In my opinion, Humphrey is better than Johnson, Nixon is better than Goldwater."

OUTING CLUB-DEEP SEA FISHING

The deep-sea fishing trip proved to be the sparkplug event that will ignite the G.C.C. Outing Club into one of its most successful and adventuresome years. This event proved quite effective, not only in providing an experience to remember but also it enabled fellow O.C. members to get to know one another.

Our expedition left the school about 5:30 A.M.(!), with a few of our fellow adventurers unable to wake up at such an early hour.

The last group arrived at Newburyport about 8:00 A.M. and we weighed anchor about 9:00A.M. The fishing was great, in fact the fish were jumping aboard before we had a chance to catch them. Bill Sparks won the pool for the largest fish, a 14 lb. cod.

A few of our seafarers were not so sea-farish and became seasick. I will not mention any names because if I did you know who would be on the list.

We arrived back in port about 4:30P.M. with a respectable share of the ocean's marine life including four mermaids, two pirates and one plump white whale for c chuckles.

The last of the thirty-four sea-wearys adventurers returned to Greenfield at about 8:00 P.M. Some of us a little sick others a little tired but generally just a bit more rewarded in being apart of such an exciting and profitable Outing Club adventure!!

penny candy - one nickle

There is a time to think
and a time to drink,
a time to cry and a time to ask why,
but tell me when is there a time to die?

B. Aderio

BARBARA KEITH

One of the main events of last week was a concert by Barbara Keith. Miss Keith, a native of Deerfield, attended Vassar for three years before traveling to Greenwich Village where she has lived ever since. She presently belongs to a rock group called the Kangaroo who have recently cut an album.

Barbara Keith, dressed in a lace blouse and floor length red velvet skirt, sang before a crowd of approximately 250. She sang fifteen folk and blue songs. Her first song was "Heat of the One O'Clock Sun" which set the mood for her following songs which included "In My Life", by the Beatles and "I Shall Be Released", taken from Bob Dylan's Pink Album.

The student government realized forty-three dollars profit which will be used to arrange like programs.

Following the concert, cider and donuts were served.

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club's first reading of the play "Critic's Choice" was conducted on, Oct. 21 in the auditorium. This play will be presented on Nov. 21-24 and is free to all students.

"Critic's Choice" is a light-hearted story concerning a husband who is forced to publicly criticize his wife's first endeavor as a playwright.

Members of the cast include:

Parker Ballantine

Paul Allen

Angela Ballantine

Joe Padgug

Charlotte Ou

Peg Bennett Barb Howatt

Dion Kapakas

Chuck Milky

Ivy London

Cindi Carver

The Assistant Director is Dave Brennan
The Stage Manager is Cal Parsons